

# Urolithiasis: Current management

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It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as a guest editor of the symposium for this issue of the Indian Journal of Urology. I had the pleasure to observe the development of India over the past 25 years and it would not be an exaggeration to say that Indian urology has surpassed even the development of its own country. We are all aware that Indian Urologists, both in India and Abroad, have become opinion leaders during the past few decades. The strength of this professional group is not only based on long working hours and scientific awareness, but also on a philanthropic approach.

As a part of this, we (Indians by nature or by honor) had an inspiring meeting in Nadiad, Gujarat in February 2013. Dr. Mahesh Desai and his team organized the first ever scientific meeting of the American Urological Association (AUA) that was held abroad. Held over 2 days in honor of Dr. Joseph Segura, lectures and live surgery were demonstrated to an audience of over 500 urologists from more than 20 countries. In this issue of the Indian Journal of Urology, we have gathered the highlights of this meeting. I am absolutely grateful that all speakers of the meeting, whom I have approached to contribute, agreed immediately and even more importantly, delivered on time!

We acquired articles from authors from three continents. Needless to say, every single paper from these authors is immensely relevant. Important issues in urology are addressed; Dr. Michael Wong from Singapore shares his knowledge on Randall's Plaques and Dr. Glenn Preminger on As Low as Reasonably Achievable (ALARA). Complications in percutaneous nephrolithotomy may be disastrous and it is important to standardize reporting of such events. Dr. John Denstedt, the second Canadian ever on the board of the AUA contributes on this topic. The Irish born, Indian descent, Canadian passport holding US citizen, Dr. Manoj Monga, shares his profound knowledge on 'Evolving Epidemiology of Stone disease'. All his papers are worth reading. Another important issue is medical expulsion treatment. None other than Dr. Jorge Gutierrez from Mexico has contributed to this subject. A glimpse of the future was introduced during the meeting in Nadiad by Prof. Jens Rassweiler and his daughter Dr. Marie Claire with their iPad® approach for renal punctures. Until this becomes a reality, we stay with shock-wave lithotripsy on which they are writing in this issue. Thinking about stents, Dr. Ravi Kulkarni's name comes to our mind. We are happy to have him on board for this issue. At last, but of course not at least, Dr. Mahesh Desai should be mentioned. I am extremely happy that he took the time to submit a paper on stone morphometry.

On behalf on the faculty of the Joseph Segura Meeting of the AUA and as the guest editor of this issue, I certainly hope that you will enjoy reading our work.

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